

EARTH CARE INITIATIVE
MAPC 2018 Annual Report
Submitted by Elders Pat Timm and John Tallmadge

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The Earth Care Initiative is coordinated by the Leadership Team. We welcome you to join us in planning and implementing Earth Care activities. We consider Earth Care to be a spiritual journey and hope you will find our activities a part of your spiritual path.

Earth Care Certification was received in March. We needed 25 points in each of the four categories of the audit. Thank you to the Session Committees and Communities for completing the audit and accumulating 351 points in 2017. We are currently completing the audit for 2018 re-certification.

2018 EARTH CARE ACTIVITIES

Green Faith (Worship):

April 22 Earth Day Service was led by Reverends Stacey Midge and Lew VanderNaald. Elder Pat Timm, Yana Keck, and Bill Stiver participated.

April 22 John Tallmadge preached and led the worship at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church.

September 30 Worship “Ending Hunger One Step at a Time” Crop Walk was led by Linda Ford with assistance from the Justice Seeking Community and the Earth Care Initiative.

Green Learning :

On May 12, ecologist Dr. Stan Hadeen led our field trip through the Mill Creek valley to observe the restoration of the Creek and the developing solutions to combined storm water/sewer overflows.

John Tallmadge submitted a blog on the MAPC website—
“Toward a Sustainable World: A Role for Churches.”

September 30 Adult Encounters was led by Linda Ford and the Justice Seeking Community

December: Plans were made and promoted for January 12 and 13 Movie night showing of “Creation of the Universe” and Sunday worship with the Carleton and Elinor Stock.

Green Living and Life Style Practices:

Christmas Recycling information, led by Bill Stiver, was promoted in the December bulletins, moments for mission and We Care.

Green Building and Grounds:

Under the leadership of John Hancock, Eric Burgmann, and the Building and Grounds Committee 22 new tower windows were installed. LED lighting retrofits were installed in the education wing, the offices and the social hall by a contractor in 2017. Eric Burgmann has installed 88 LED fluorescent bulbs in the Geier room and the kitchen this winter.

John Hancock submitted a blog to the MAPC website: “Why become Carbon Neutral,” making the case for taking steps toward a carbon neutral facility and reporting that this can be achieved without net costs.

Green Outreach:

Imago Film Series at Common Roots Pub “Connecting with Neighbors and the Land”: We participated in film viewing and discussion on January 26 “The Economics of Happiness”,

on February 23 “A Portrait of Wendell Berry”, and on March 23 “Bringing Nature Home.

In September, John Tallmadge presented “Learning from Nature in the City” at an Imago gathering at the Common Roots Pub on Enright Ridge.

Presbyterians for Earth Care published an article by John Tallmadge about MAPC’s Earth Care initiative.

Two workshops were led by Elders John Hancock and John Tallmadge at the February 23 Presbytery meeting. At the September 11 Presbytery meeting, Pat Timm joined John H. and John T. for two more workshops.

Pat Timm represented MAPC at the Green Umbrella Midwest Regional Sustainability Summit on June 15 at Cintas Center. Katharine Hayhoe, a prominent climate scientist was the keynote speaker. She was recognized by Time Magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Pat was recognized as a Founder of Green Umbrella at their 20th Anniversary Celebration on December 6 at The Sanctuary in Lower Price Hill.